

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 26 April 2007 Request.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 4, the word "a" has been deleted and the word "an" substituted therefor.

Claim 21, line 3, the word "a physical" has been deleted in both instances.

Claim 21, line 5, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 21, line 10, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claims 22, lines 1 and 2, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 24, line 4, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 25, lines 1, 2 and 4, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 26, lines 1 and 2, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 27, line 2, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 28, lines 1, 3 and 6, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 29, line 1, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 33, line 3, the word "physical" has been deleted in both instances.

Claim 33, line 3, the word "a" has been deleted and the word "an" substituted therefor in both instances.

Claim 33, line 6, the word "physical" has been deleted in each instance.

Claim 33, line 6, the word "a" has been deleted and the word "an" substituted therefor.

Claim 33, line 7, the word "physical" has been deleted in both instances.

Claim 33, line 17, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 33, line 19, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 34, line 2, the word "physical" has been deleted in both instances.

Claim 34, line 4, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 34, line 5, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 34, line 10, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 34, line 12, the word "physical" has been deleted.

Claim 34, line 15, the word "physical" has been deleted.

3. Claims 1-34 are allowed. The Examiner has rejoined claims 21-34 with the previously elected claims

4. Further pertinent references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892.
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 571-272-6789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ryan M. Zeender can be reached on 571-272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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